

# Resurrection Parish

May 7, 2017

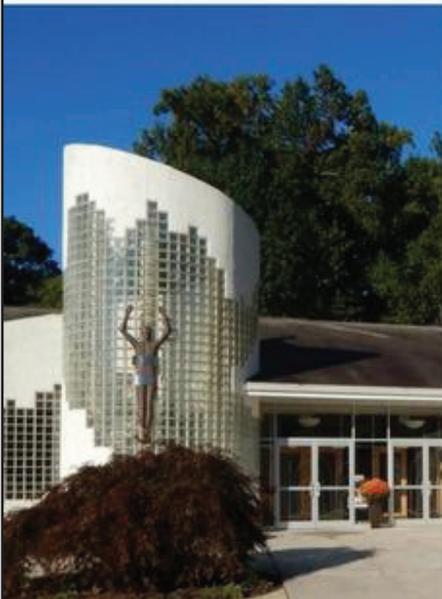
Fourth Sunday of Easter

A Catholic Christian Community

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## Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.  
Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:30 a.m.  
Tues. 7 p.m.



## Rev. William Graney, Pastor

John Falkowski, Deacon ext. 110  
Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music ext. 106  
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation ext. 104  
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry ext. 107  
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns ext. 103  
John Werner, Business Manager ext. 105  
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Main Office, Secretary ext. 0  
Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

## Pastoral Council

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## Reconciliation

Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sat. 4:45 p.m.  
or by appointment.

## Baptisms

Please contact Deacon John.

## Marriage

Contact clergy one year prior.

## Pastoral Care of the Sick

For hospital and home visits  
contact clergy or the office.

## Becoming Catholic

Learn more by contacting  
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

### A report from the Delaware Center for justice which Resurrection Parish supports through the Charitable Giving Committee.

The Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ) currently operates a dozen programs throughout the state of Delaware to serve populations impacted by the criminal justice system, as well as to advocate for improved policies statewide. DCJ serves youth, adults, and victims of crime. Resurrection Parish provides much needed support to DCJ to enhance its youth serving programs. DCJ relies on donations to purchase supplies for program activities such as books for students, school supplies, and costs associated with educational events.”“ In 2016, 219 children of incarcerated parents received books and audiotapes through DCJ’s Read In, Read Out program. DCJ facilitated on average 40 reading sessions per month with parents. DCJ’s School Offense Diversion Program worked with 90 youth arrested on school property to address their behavior and

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make sure that their first contact with the justice system is their last. Donations were used to purchase required reading for youth as well as to assist with funding quarterly evening parent-student nights. DCJ’s Truancy Reduction Program served 49 truant youth in 2016, and donations were used to fund two group college tours for program participants. Without your donations, these three programs would not have been able to fully provide the support needed for student and family success!



## INTENTIONS

Monday	May 8	8:30 am	+John Mullin
Tuesday	May 9	7:00pm	
Wednesday	May 10	8:30 am	+Dee Mudrock
Friday	May 12	8:30 am	+Joseph Maliga
Saturday	May 13	5:30pm	+Betty Allen
Sunday	May 14	8:15 am	Parish Community
Sunday	May 14	10:30am	+Jack Saladini



God is the source of all healing and hope, to whom we lift up in prayer the needs of the sick and those who care for them.

Pray for all the needs in our Book of Intentions and for

those in our Parish Family who are sick: **Lord, allow your healing hand to assist** Joan Donnelly, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Kat Edwards, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Beth Callahan, Carol Strasser, Alice Weaver, Courtney Corridori, Elba Arroyo, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

### **Ministry Needs**

If you are interested in learning about or helping with any of the following ministries, please contact Ruth Sanders, [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org), 368-0146 Ext 106.

**Bread Bakers needed** to prepare Eucharist bread for Sunday liturgies. It takes approximately two hours to prepare the bread. We use a recipe that includes only wheat and water. We provide specific instructions and a mentor for those new to this ministry. This could be a great “family” ministry.

**Mass Sacristans needed** at all Masses. The sacristan works in the sacristy 15 minutes before and after the Mass preparing the vessels, bread, and wine to be shared at our “Eucharistic Meal”. Men, women, families are all welcome!

**Altar Servers needed:** Young people (fourth grade and up), teens and adults assist priest and deacon – and so the assembly -- at Mass and other liturgies. This can be a *great parent/child* ministry! Some of our best servers are teens and young adults. Adults are very welcome.

**Paschal Season** One of the things we hopefully learn from our Paschal Season is that we are not meant to simply worship Jesus from afar. Our baptismal commitment requires that we literally become the Christ into which we have been baptized. And so on this Good Shepherd weekend when we hear the voice of Christ loving us we are to acknowledge that love and then give that love to others.

And so those who are desperate for love need only open themselves to the voice of the true shepherd because the true shepherd is not only interested in our wellbeing, but is also interested in loving us with a love that is true. It is true because the shepherd’s true desire is to make us into the image that created us, the image of God. And the image of God is the goodness of our human condition, which is our condition when we are most fully alive. All the others who love us for less are thieves and robbers. They are the ones who take our hearts, but leave them lifeless.

Our challenge then is for us to learn to love as Jesus loved, a love that expresses itself in the good and in the service of the other. When we are able to love others in this way, we start to participate in the transforming work of Jesus, which is a way of transforming the sinful structures of our relationships with each other. To participate in a love that calls forth the goodness and potential of each individual is not only to participate in a healthy form of love, but it is also a participation in the divine love of God. And this is what it means when Jesus says I have come to give life and to give it more abundantly. The more we have life from Jesus, the more we are able to give that life to others.

## PARISH LIFE

### PARISH PICNIC



You are invited to join us for Resurrection’s Parish Picnic on May 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. Food and drinks will be provided. The picnic will be held rain or shine.

Can you help set up or cleanup? Can you provide a side dish or dessert? Please contact the Parish office (302) 368-0146 ext. 0 to sign up.

**Shawl Ministry:** Come pray, and knit or crochet, with us. The shawls we make will bring comfort to family and friends in need. Join us on Monday, May 8 at 12:30 p.m. in room 2.



## Pastoral Council Elections

the weekends of  
May 6/7  
and May 20/21 .  
**Please vote.**

### Centering Prayer Group every Thursday

Centering Prayer will be held in the Chapel from 7:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. Our prayer leader will be Ruth Maisonet. The practice of Centering Prayer allows us to open to the presence and action of God not only during the prayer period, but also during the activities of everyday life. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

### Thank You

Thank you to all who came out last weekend and had their cars washed by our youth participating in Work Camp program this summer. We are grateful for all your support.

### *Friendly's* VBS Friendly's Fundraiser

Join us for a Friendly's Fundraiser on *Tuesday, May 9th* from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the Lantana Square Friendly's. Ten percent of all dine in and carry out purchases during this time will benefit the Ebenezer United Methodist's/ Resurrection Parish Vacation Bible School 2017. Grab a flyer as you leave church. Please show your server the flyer, so we receive credit for your purchase. Thank you.

### GRADUATION TIME!

Our annual blessing of graduates will be held on Sunday May 21 during the 10:30 AM mass.

If you have a graduating high school or college student, we would like to recognize them. Please send the student's name and school in which they are graduating to Elaine at:

[elittle@resurrectionde.org](mailto:elittle@resurrectionde.org)

Thank you in advance.



**Email List:** You may sign up for both or either the Resparish and

Social Concerns newsletters or change your email in the mail chimp distribution group by visiting <http://www.resurrectionde.org/join-our-email-list>. You may also opt in by giving permission to us via email at [dseymour@resurrectionde.org](mailto:dseymour@resurrectionde.org).

## 2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

*"Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him"*



Everyone is welcome to the flock by Jesus. As followers of Christ, we too must act faithfully to reach out to others. Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews or on table near doors. They can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdown.org](http://www.cdown.org); click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal".

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



### **VBS 2017- Hero Central:**

#### **Discover Your Strength in God**

Monday – Friday, June 19 – June 23  
9 a.m. to 12 noon

At Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 525 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark  
For children ages 4—11 (or completed 5th grade)  
Registration closes Thurs., June 8, 2017 at 4 p.m.

#### **Please make checks payable to Ebenezer.**

We are also looking for adult & youth volunteers. All forms are available in the Gathering Space and on the bulletin board outside the nursery. Contact Elaine with any questions.  
[elittle@resurrectionde.org](mailto:elittle@resurrectionde.org)



**WELCOME! K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) meet from 9:15-10:15. Drop off begins at 9:10. See you there!**

Would you like more information about Christian

Formation for Children (Religious Education or Sacramental Preparation)?

Contact Nancy at 302-368-0146 ext. 104 or at [nmaloney@resurrectionde.org](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org).

## THANK YOU RESURRECTION PARISH!

Thank you for your support and donations to CFP's Community Project. The children made 30 comfort bags to Children's Choice during Spring Fling! I delivered the comfort bags to the foster care agency on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The foster care staff were overwhelmed by your generosity. Words cannot express their appreciation!

## CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



### **Middle School and High School Youth Group:**

6:30-8:15 PM

**Sunday May 7, 2017**

**Middle School:** *Service project presentations-*

Parents please join us for

this last class of the year.

**High School:** *Immigration-* come learn some of the terminology around immigration and about the plight of immigrants in our country.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Fair Trade Sale:** Our next Fair Trade Coffee/Tea sale is the weekend of May 6/7 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of May 27/28. Thanks for supporting struggling farmers around the world.

**The weekend of May 20/21, all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore will conduct a special collection to benefit the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund.** As more and more of our priests retire from active parish ministry, there is a growing need to supplement this fund. Your generosity and prayer for our aging priests are greatly appreciated

## TAKING IT HOME

What is it like to be desperate for love? Love is crucial to our existence, so crucial in fact that sometimes people do desperate things for love. You see we all want to be loved and to love. It is so basic to our existence. And so because love is the name of the game, some people cling to any *appearance of love* even when it doesn't really exist. Unfortunately, when this occurs such relationships are often unhealthy.

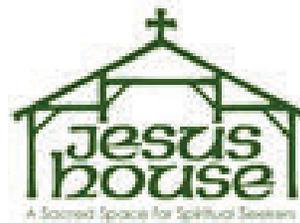
This is particularly true of our younger generation, those living in the in-between years; the years between young adulthood and married life. That's because this younger generation is still in the search to get their lives

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together; to find a way back home. And in all this time of restless struggle there is a desire to taste life in all its fullness. And so they want to have it all while at the same time wanting to answer the big questions: who am I? Where do I find meaning? Who will love me? How do I find love in a world full of infidelity and false promises? So unfortunately, what happens in this time is a frantic search for love while at the same time engaging a nagging feeling that life is beginning to pass one bye. Hence, a desperate grab at love even when it barely exists.

I admit I am not an expert, but my experience tells me that when persons are truly in love, they are often better persons. They are better persons because that's what being in love should do; make each person better. To love someone and to be a true friend to someone is really to want and to expect the best for the other. And when this occurs in a relationship the one who is loved is genuinely moved to become better. This occurs because the love and friendship shown is not just love for the outer image of the person, but also the inner heart and soul. In these situations, the lover sees the one loved not only for who he/she is, but also for who she/he can become. And when shown this kind of love, the one loved is motivated and encouraged to become something more, something better.

This process of finding true love is really at the heart of what Jesus is speaking about in our gospel this weekend. In the gospel, Jesus describes himself as the true shepherd, the one who came to give us life so that we might have it more abundantly. Other shepherds have come before me, but they are thieves and bandits. Thieves and bandits take what does not belong to them. But Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, calls us by name. In this way Jesus calls to our inner potential, which is to call us to love as he loves. For Jesus sees through the outer images of our sin and failings to see the goodness within us and then encourages us to love others in this same way. And this is how we have life and have it more abundantly.



**Monday May 8th** topic:

Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz;  
Jesus Scholars: The Kingdom of God.

**June 12th** : Harville  
Hendrix, John Gottman:

Couples Therapy and our relationship with God.

**Tuesday, May 23, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm** Day of Reflection: Spirituality of the Twelve Step Program with Rev. Dan McGlynn and Sr. Margie Walsh. Can't attend the whole day, come to a shortened version on

**Monday evening, May 22, 7 pm - 9 pm** Please visit our website ([jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)) or call our office 302-995-6858 for more information or to register.

**Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808.**



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
GOSPEL -- JOHN 14: 1-12**

*Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.”*

*Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?”*

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”*

*Philip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”*

*Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.*

*“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”*

**Gospel Reflection**

The gospel readings for the fifth and sixth Sundays of Easter shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth—the Ascension—and the sending of the Holy Spirit—the Pentecost event. This gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about “going away” for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus “going away.” By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn’t going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signaled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus’ return. The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father’s house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to “live” in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.

*Q. What does the image of the many rooms in the Father’s house seek to convey?*

*Q. How might Jesus have felt in reaction to the disciples’ questions?*

*Q. Why does Jesus need to return to the Father for the disciples to live out their potential?*

**It is for the best:** At the time of this gospel’s writing, some 70 years after the events it describes, amazing things have taken place in the early Christian community. Rather than everything falling apart with the death of Jesus, the message of Jesus has spread further than he himself could ever have accomplished. It is the departure of Jesus from their midst and the sending of the Spirit that really prompts the disciples to act on what they had experienced while Jesus lived among them. The gospel writer has Jesus saying that he has to go away so that the disciples can reach their potential.

**The gospel of John:** The gospel of John is very different from the other three “synoptic” gospels. The other three have a very narrative style and can be seen together as different recounts of the same events. Whilst the gospel of John also has some beautifully narrated stories, it is better known as a more theologically reflective piece of writing. It assumes that the readers of this gospel are already familiar with one or more of the others, so it doesn’t need to tell the story again. Rather, it presents a sweeping image of God, through Jesus, reaching out, in, through, and with love to the people.

**The Way, the Truth, and the Life:** When Thomas asks, “we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answers by saying, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.” The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.

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